

ROTC Commissioning Of Graduates Topic Of Open Hearing

"ROTC is inherently wrong and I want it kept out of this University." This hope of Mitchell Kahn, member of the executive committee of University Senate, may come a step closer to becoming policy tomorrow when the executive committee holds an open meeting to discover the depth of student opinion on this issue.

The meeting, which will be in Dana 102 at 1 p.m., climaxes almost a year of protest over ROTC commissioning at the University's graduation. At graduation last spring, such a commissioning during the Arts and Sciences graduation was marked by a statement of protest read by Dr. Howard L. Parsons of the philosophy department. His statement was supported by many of the students and faculty present.

Once again President Henry W. Littlefield has been asked to allow a commissioning at graduation. He, in turn, has asked the University Senate to establish a permanent University policy on the matter. The job of researching this matter and making recommendations has been taken up by the executive committee which will report its findings to the Senate sometime after this meeting and before April 15.

One of the strongest objectors to such commissionings has been SDS, and its spokesman on the Senate, Mitchell Kahn. At tomorrow's meeting Kahn will present four reasons why SDS objects to ROTC commissionings.

"The first of these reasons, namely that ROTC has no unit on this campus, is most important. In fact, it is basic," he explained. "Secondly, therefore, the University has no reason to give such an honor."

SDS also objects to such commissionings because, "It is not the function of the University to supply the military with personnel. Finally, SDS objects to any one person receiving more recognition, especially nonacademic recognition, than anyone else," Kahn pointed out.

Kahn also has deeper objections to ROTC. "I think that I am speaking for the majority of the members of SDS when I say I am opposed to ROTC on campus for antimilitary reasons," he said.

"I am opposed to the Vietnam war and to the high military expenditures of this country. I feel ROTC is an encroachment on the campus and the University should certainly not make it desirable. The military should not have recruitment or any rights on campus because once you join the service, they take away all your rights," Kahn declared.

Kahn also pointed out that other institutions, such as Yale, no longer give academic credit to ROTC. He believes that this trend toward military expulsion from the campus must continue.

SDS is also working within University Senate to secure a new tenure policy for University instructors. "One of the basic tenets of SDS is democracy. Our motion before the Senate would make tenure more democratic,"

Kahn stated. "This would take tenure out of one man's hands."

According to Kahn, an instructor hired by the University has, in most cases, five years to earn his Ph.D. and tenure. If at the end of this period the instructor has failed to earn the higher degree, he is automatically dismissed.

The motion made by SDS states: "The department chairman's recommendation for renewal or nonrenewal of nontenured faculty will in all cases conform to a majority vote of all present and voting at an annually convened assembly of all tenured faculty and senior majors of the cognizant department."

"Department chairmen will call such a meeting during the period between the Thanksgiving and Christmas recess, giving not less than two weeks of notice of time and place, at which meeting the reappointment of all nontenured faculty will be reviewed."

Kahn explained that this motion was designed to allow a department chairman to take an instructor's teaching ability into consideration. This would be done through evaluation by the other teachers in the department and the seniors who have taken courses with these instructors.

"We lose too many good instructors under the present system," Kahn declared. "This year we are dismissing many with high evaluations for no real reason. A fairer method is needed."

The proposal is now being studied in the faculty welfare committee, a standing committee of University Senate. According to Kahn, this proposal may not reach the full Senate before May. However, the SDS motion has already received the support of the Dana Scholars.

Kahn stressed that SDS is not looking for a confrontation on either of these issues. "On this campus, SDS is willing to go through channels. As long as we can make progress, we will work within existing means. However, many things are not negotiable. ROTC is immediate."

"SDS will not force the issue of ROTC unless the University Senate passes our measure prohibiting ROTC commissionings only to have President Littlefield veto it," Kahn continued. He added that such a veto was unlikely because Dr. Littlefield usually accepts what University Senate proposes. "If this came from RHA or Student Council, I would be doubtful," Kahn said.

If this measure on ROTC does not pass, Kahn said that not only SDS but many faculty members, especially in the College of Arts and Sciences, would protest, but nonviolently. "One of the basic tenets of this chapter of SDS is nonviolence. It is a basic point of our philosophy. Some chapters like to force confrontations, and if not directly start violence, force the police to. We are against this."

Another reason a confrontation is unlikely is because, as Kahn says, "The students here couldn't care less. They have no opinions."

Dear Mr. Broms,

Considerable thought and attention have been given by University officials to information which has been received regarding the use of Student Council telephones for personal calls and charging these calls to the Student Council account. There is evidence, which has not been denied, that this was common practice. One individual member of the Student Council had personal calls charged to the organization which amounted to hundreds of dollars.

Although a group of interested students brought this matter to the attention of the Student Council, the Student Council has never asked for a thorough accounting of what happened and has not only avoided an investigation but has clearly indicated a preference to bury the past. The Student Council has taken steps aimed to prevent students from charging their personal phone calls to this organization in the future and to establish a more adequate system of accounting of all student funds. However, censure was not given those members who had used student funds for personal use and efforts were not made to insure or even encourage the personal restitution of these funds. The hope on the part of many of us that the students who had made the personal telephone calls and charged them to the Student Council would voluntarily reimburse the Student Council has never materialized.

There are those who would make heroes of the Student Council members in this matter as defenders of student rights while at the same time condemning those students who rightfully and even courageously exposed the situation and expressed their indignation at the betrayal of a public trust by their elected representatives. There is nothing noble about spending student funds for personal use and no mass of rationalizations or attempts to skirt the basic issue can convince us otherwise. The Student Council correctly took steps to prevent such action in the future but little, if anything, was done to get back those monies which were meant to be spent for the welfare of the student body as a whole and not for the personal use of individual members.

The action of the Student Council, after the fact, to approve spending funds for these personal phone calls has provided the students concerned with a legal shield. Apparently the law has not technically been broken, but the lack of personal responsibility displayed by these students has been a great disappointment to all of us.

Sincerely yours,

Alfred R. Wolff
Dean

"Disappointed" Admin. Refuses To Put Council Before E and D

The Student Council phone bill issue is dead, but not forgotten.

The investigation into Council's spending of student funds began by the Ad Hoc Committee of Concerned Students three weeks ago ended with the announcement Wednesday by Dr. Alfred R. Wolff, dean of Student Personnel, that the matter would not be taken to Ethics and Discipline Council.

The announcement was in the form of a letter presented to Student Council president Stuart E. Broms at Wednesday's council meeting. Complete context of the letter is printed above.

The \$450 bill of personal calls compiled by Council members and other students will not be paid back by those students.

Upon Council's vote, the use of the phones was legally sanctioned, which kept the issue out of E and D. Dr. Wolff explained, "The issue would have gone to E and D, but it is questionable if that body would have been able to work effectively because of the legal shield."

Concerning the decision, Carol Asnin, chairman of the disbanded Ad Hoc Committee said, "Most people on the committee are disappointed. We feel the facts were black and white."

"I'm glad it's over," said Broms. "Many students in student government have seen their mistakes and are taking steps to rectify them. It can't happen again."

In reaction to Dr. Wolff's letter, which expressed disappointment in the "personal responsibility of the students involved," Broms said, "I accept his statement and feel hurt since Al Wolff made this statement. I feel his original actions were totally unjustified because he was misinformed as to the actual issues. My only objection is that Al Wolff didn't call me a long time ago."

The ethical question is far from resolved and still bothers many people on campus.

"It's unfortunate and sad that Council, the people involved, were not willing to face up to the facts. They found a loophole and

the Administration can't do anything about it," Miss Asnin said.

Dr. Wolff said he strove to make the ethical issues clear in his letter. "If the matter had gone to E and D the issue may have been thrown out on a legal technicality and this would have minimized the ethical implications of the behavior. I don't want the ethical implications minimized."

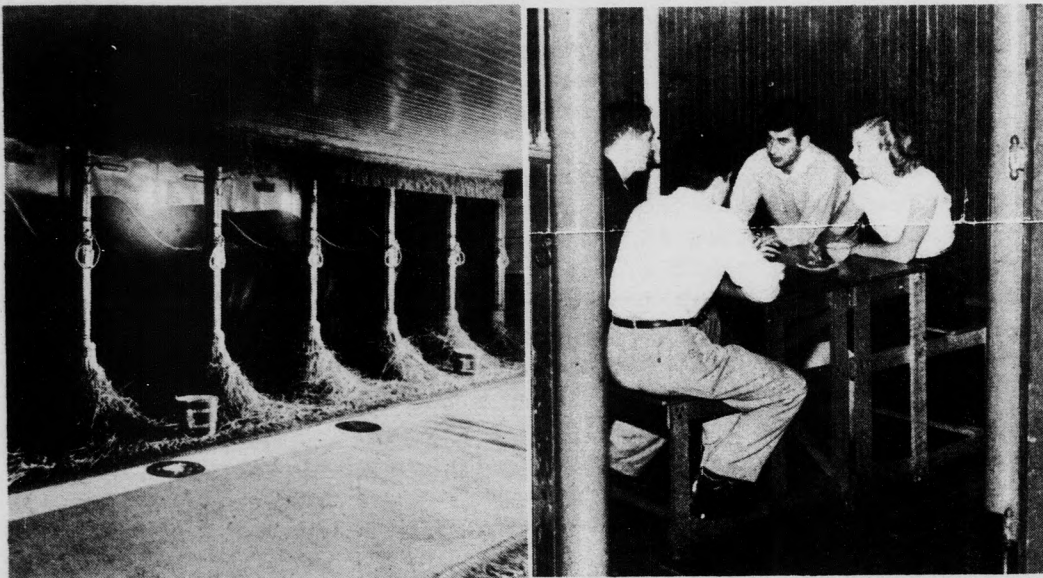
"I want all students here concerned with ethical behavior. A lot of grief has taken place, but with the grief some good has happened. Many persons will take a hard look at themselves and other campus organizations. One can't say something constructive has not come of all this," Wolff said.

Miss Asnin agreed. "Part of what the committee wanted was done. A system of checks and balances has been instituted and the same thing will probably not happen again," she said.

The Administration is now considering a proposal presented to them last week by Broms requesting an auditor or accountant to meet with all student organizations and aid them in restructuring financial operations.



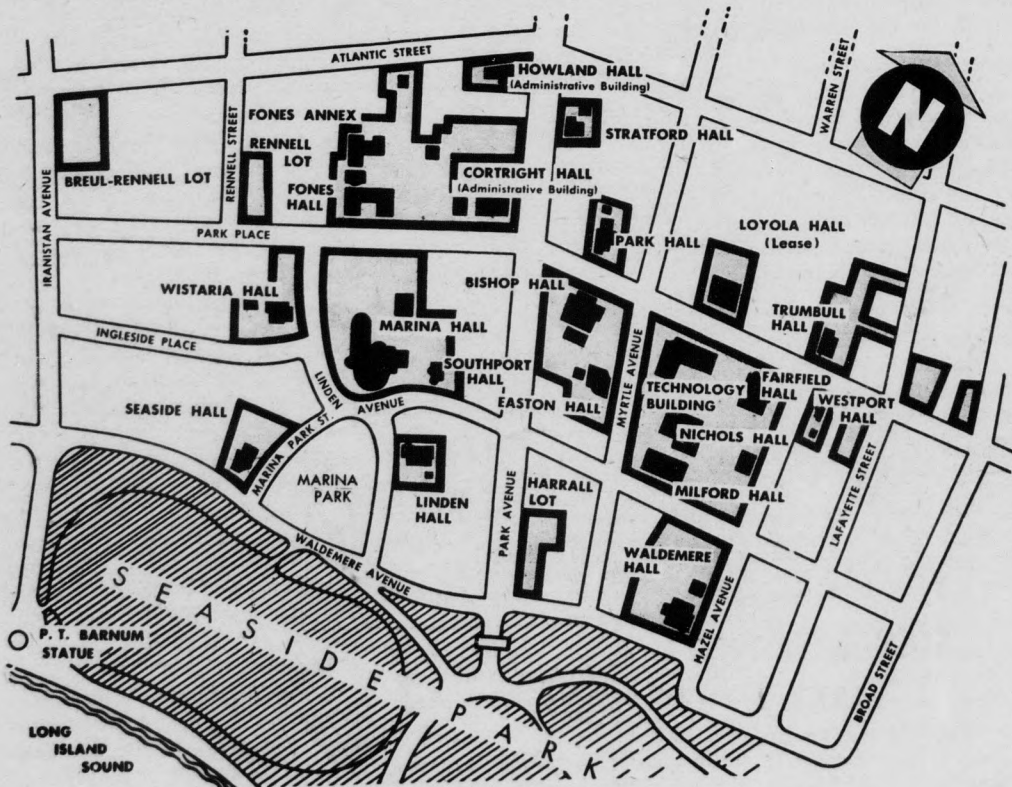
It all began in this building on Fairfield Ave. in 1927.



Left are Bamum's stables; right are the same stalls but converted into dining booths for the University's first Student Center.



A view of the living room of the once luxurious Wistaria Hall with carpets, curtains, paintings and ankle length skirts.



The University campus in 1949.

The University was Void of Education

BY JANE WHITE
Staff Reporter

"I was floored when I learned that Bridgeport ranked lowest in number of students going on to college." Few University students realize that this reaction spurred a decision that is influencing their lives. For these are the words of E. Everett Cortwright, first president of the University, spoken at a Rotary meeting in the Spring of 1927.

It was at this meeting that Dr. Cortwright, then a professor at N.Y.U., convinced Mr. Isaac Schine and Dr. Alfred C. Fones, the founder of the dental hygiene movement, that the city of Bridgeport had to meet the demands of a fastgrowing industrial society. Shortly thereafter, the property of Harry O. King on Fairfield Avenue was purchased for \$30,000, and the Junior College of Connecticut materialized.

Junior College Opens

The official charter to the Junior College was signed by Governor Trumbull May 5, 1927, after much discussion. At this time the concept of a junior college education was a radical department from tradition.

However, Feb. 1, 1928, the three-story wood-frame building swung open its doors to admit 28 day students to its 14 course curriculum. This day was important not only in the annals of Bridgeport history. It marked the opening of the first junior college east of Ohio and north of the Potomac.

The Junior College was quick to establish itself. In 1930, Phi Theta Kappa, the national junior college honorary, was organized. Yale, Trinity, N.Y.U., and others recognized the Junior College's quality, and were accepting students for graduate work.

In 1937 enrollment had mushroomed to 359, and in 1938 the college for the first time accepted dormitory students. They were not dorms as such, but renovated private homes.

In 1940, the burgeoning campus became a problem. The home of P. T. Barnum was purchased, adjacent to Marina Circle. World War II caused a temporary drain on the student body, so the Barnum mansion was leased at this time to the Red Cross. But after "the boys" came home the campus swelled once more. This is emphasized by the enrollment figures for 1945: 800 as contrasted with those for 1946: 1,781.

Barnum's home became Marina Hall, a dormitory. And students shuttled between that address and the Fairfield Avenue campus for two years.

In the midst of disapproval from the area citizenry and educational experts, the College applied for and attained a state charter to become a university.

Mr. John Cox, director of Development, attended the University while it was still the Junior College, received his associate degree in 1948 and served in the armed forces. He returned to receive his B.A. in history in 1950 after the transition had been made.

He remembers well the Fairfield shuttling. "Most of the students didn't have cars," he remarked, "so you hoped for a ride, or took a bus. Most of us didn't mind, though."

Optimistic GI Students

Outstanding in his memory, also, was the prevalence of ex-GIs on the campus and the differences they made.

"The mood of the student GI was definitely optimistic. We had been through a great deal and we knew what we wanted. The GI was more serious than the student of today; he was more mature in that he was more experienced."

This experience colored the classroom discussion as well. "You weren't going to sit there and listen to a history profes-



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| 3. MARINA | 7. CORTRIGHT | 11. BISHOP |
| 4. FONES | 8. HOWLAND | 12. PARK |

Aerial photo of

he "Junior"

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sor give a presumably up-to-date discussion on a country you just left! We challenged them; there was dialogue."

There were a number of student firsts during the time John Cox was matriculating. A campus and city-wide demonstration led to the organization of the first football team, in 1947 under the aegis of All-American Chet Gladchuck. Cox was president of one of the first fraternities, which were the center of campus life for quite some time.

The entire campus had moved to Seaside Park by 1948. That same year an old navy barracks was shipped down, frame by frame, from Quonset, Rhode Island, becoming the original Fones Hall.

Weylister Junior College, formerly the Weylister School, of Milford, Conn., joined the University complex at this time. The Engineering building followed in 1949. By 1950 the campus population had reached 3,327 and yearly expenses were \$1350-1600 as compared to about \$2360 today. By this time the IFC had grown to 11 fraternities and three sororities.

Victory E. Muniec, director of Public Relations, was studying for his BA in business administration from 1950-53. His fondest recollections were the ideal student-faculty ratio, Campus Thunder, the annual musical and the original Student Center, located in P. T. Barnum's old stables.

Stables were Student Center

"The booths were the horses' original stalls," he recalls. "The musky odor was still there. We loved it."

In '53 the Arnold College of Physical Education and Hygiene joined the campus. Francis Poisson, a PE instructor at the University remembers this distinctly, because he was a student at the Arnold campus in Milford when it was transferred.

"We had only 265 students at the time; we couldn't keep the campus up financially. I don't know what would have happened if UB hadn't taken over at that time. All our records probably would have been lost."

One needs only to glance around the campus to see the progress since then. The Carlson Library, the Harvey Hubbell Gymnasium, Cooper and Chaffee dorms were all built in 1956, Dana Hall in 1960, North and South Halls in 1961, and Barnum and Seeley in 1962. Presently the University is in the second of three phases of a self-study program, including a new Arts and Humanities building. The proposed budget of \$17,500,000 will provide an increased income for faculties as well.

In retrospect, one can gain a greater insight into the University progress by glancing at the freshman handbook for 1948-49. At that time room and board had reached the exorbitant sum of \$250 and tuition was close behind at \$225. Class attendance was closely scrutinized (two tardinesses equaling one absence) and debarment was urged when absences totalled more than the credits of the course. Fraternity affiliation was encouraged for the promotion of fellowship and personal development. "The conceited will become more modest . . . The crude will learn manners."

Rules Much Stricter

The conduct of students was stringently regulated, especially for women. Parental permission was necessary for overnights, boating, swimming and flying. And it was apparent that No-Doz was unheard of in the forties, since permission had to be obtained for study after "Lights-Out", which was 11 p.m. on weeknights.

Amusing as these regulations may seem, they only demonstrate more succinctly the progress that has been made in the conception and development of the University student. As outlined in President Littlefield's speech at the opening convocation in the fall of 1966:

"Our inheritance . . . is a rich one indeed. It includes the concept of service to higher education . . . the challenge to pioneer, the freedom to be flexible in organization and offerings, and they have dared us, along with them, to be tradition makers as well as tradition keepers."



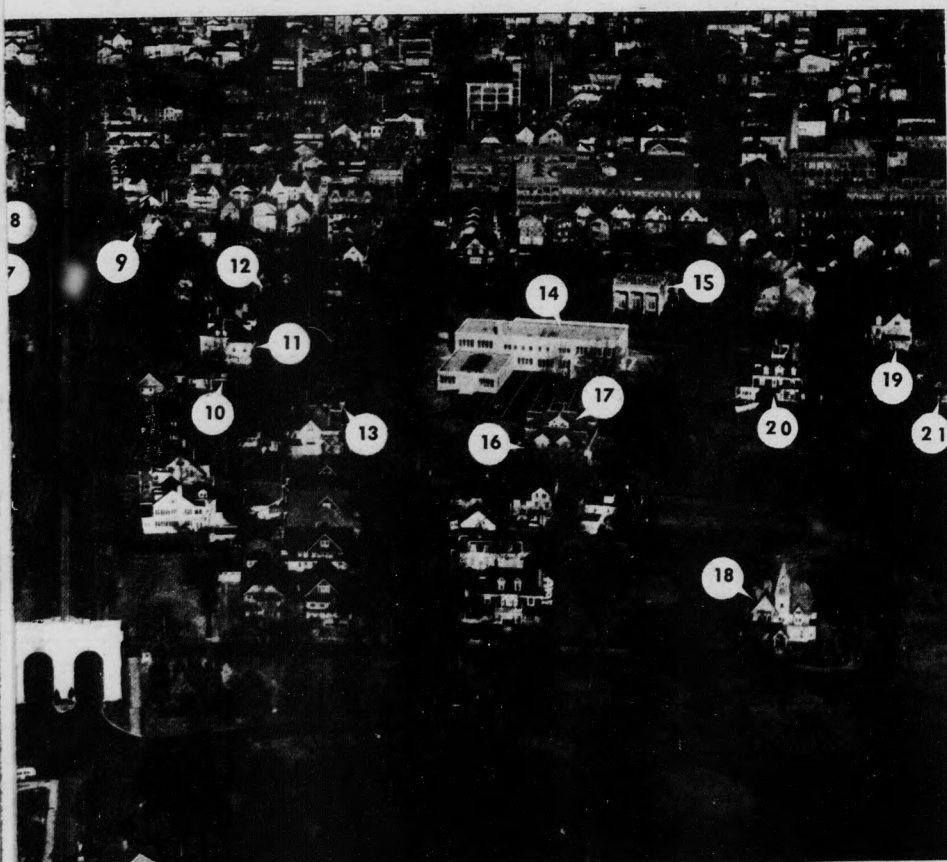
The once famous home of P.T. Barnum that rested on property now under Marina Dining Hall. Only the gateway remains.



This Fairfield Hall once sat on the land now filled by Dana Hall.



This old estate called Bishop Hall once was on the property presently supporting Carlson Library.



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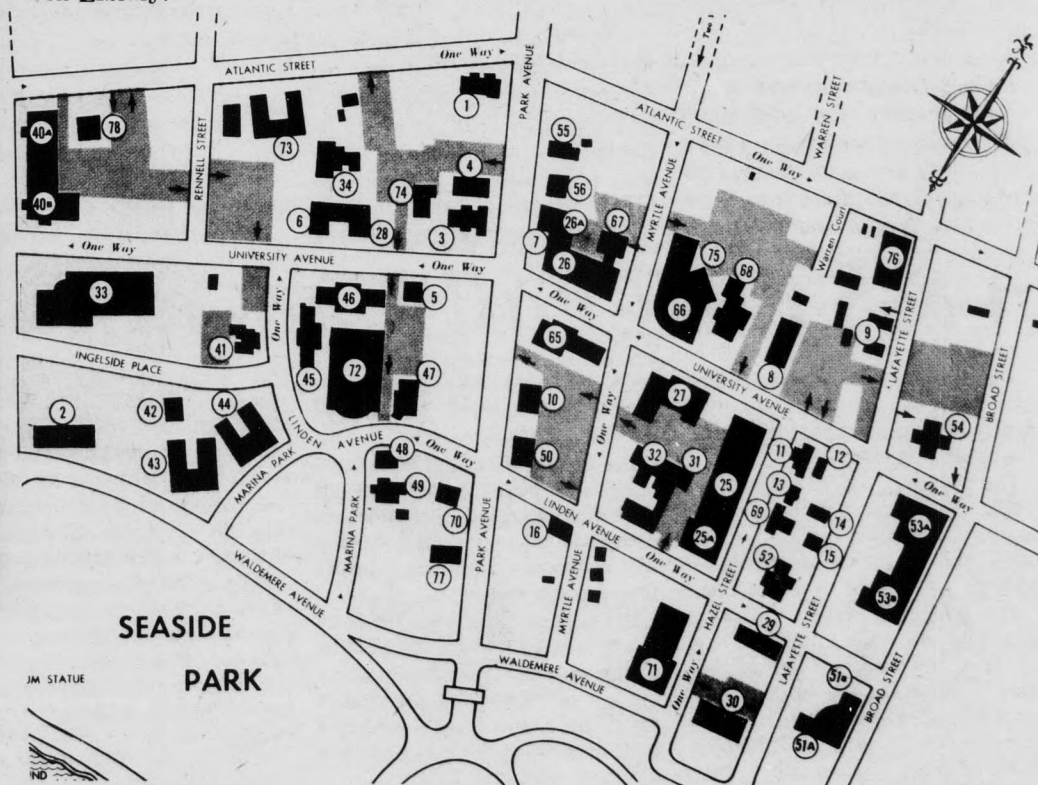
19. TRUMBULL

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22. SOUTHPORT

campus in 1949.



The University campus in 1969.

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Please Hang Up and Dial Again

The Phone bill issue has been resolved as best it could, we believe.

Student Council was wrong in its appropriation of student funds for personal issue. We never argued this point. They called their vote "after the fact" legal. We called it legal also. We maintained that as long as it was legal Ethics and Discipline should not touch it.

On the ethical side, the issues were not so clear cut. Use of the phones for personal calls was unethical, but we believe, not

unusual enough for special investigation. This remains unresolved at least in the eyes of the student body and the Administration. The calls being unethical, in the last analysis, was the most important question.

Legality did exist, but so did unethical behavior. The students involved in this practice still have their bad image.

Dr. Wolff and University president Littlefield have both expressed their dismay at Council's unwillingness to face up to "their

responsibility." The students involved may have escaped immediate prosecution, but they still have bad images and names to carry on.

Although outwardly it seems to the contrary, both the Ad Hoc Committee and Dean Wolff have been victorious. They both are aware of this. The student body is now aware of misappropriations in funding and should take a closer, more involved look at where their money is going in all campus organizations.

Campus Calendar

TODAY

Prof. Leonard Gillman, professor and chairman, department of mathematics, University of Rochester, will give two lectures 4 p.m. in Jacobson Hall and 7:30 p.m. in T101. The evening lecture is entitled "How Many Roots Has a Quadratic Equation?" He will give a third lecture at 9 a.m. tomorrow in Fones 100 entitled "How to Choose a Wife." Students and faculty are invited to attend.

The Sociology Colloquium will sponsor a meeting concerning "Careers in Sociology and Social Work" 3 p.m. in the Student Center, rooms 203-205. Speakers will be James Crowley, University sociology department, and Mrs. Howell Fuller, State Welfare Department. The meeting is open to all interested students.

WEDNESDAY

A meeting to discuss the formation of a graphics design organization on campus will take place at 1 p.m. in Dana Hall, Room 15. All graphic design majors are invited to attend.

Senior Class President Harvey Levin has called a meeting of the graduation committee 3 p.m. in Chancellor James H. Halsey's office, Waldemere Hall.

An open house in the new studios of WPKN at the Student Center, third floor, will take place from noon to 10:30 p.m. Coffee and cake will be served.

Paul Sanasardo, New York choreographer and performer, will conduct a master class in modern dance at the Harvey Hubbell Gymnasium from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Admission is \$1.50.

William Glenesk, pastor of Spencer Memorial Church of Brooklyn Heights, N.Y., will discuss "Call for a New Man" 1 p.m. in the Student Center social room. The public is invited to this convocation address.

THURSDAY

Dr. Alfred R. Wolff, dean of Student Personnel, will host an open house for all students from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. in his office Howland Hall, second floor.

The Ferdinand Roten Galleries will present an exhibition and sale of original prints by classic and contemporary artists from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. in the Carlson Library. The presentation will include over 1,000 works by such artists as Picasso, Goya, and Renoir.

FRIDAY

The self-study committee of the University bookstore will hold an open meeting 11 a.m. in Dana Hall, room 128. Anyone interested in offering their views as to the operation and function of the Bookstore is encouraged to attend.

Dr. Harry Valante, chairman of the Music department, will discuss "Bridging the Generation Gap from Bach to Beatles and Beyond" at 11:45 a.m. in the Student Center. This is the fifth in a series of dialogues of the University Board of Associates.

GENERAL

Applications are available at the office of Student Personnel in Seeley Hall for two scholarships to be awarded to Bridgeport area women wishing to return to college to obtain degrees. Deadline for filing this application is May 1.

Ethical Responsibility

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following letter was sent to Dr. Henry W. Littlefield, president of the University. It's author also requested it be printed in The Scribe.

DEAR SIR:

The "phone bill" controversy compels me to express my views to you, since it involves morality and ethics, so important to the academic community as well as to society in general. If the academic community cannot arrive at a workable agreement and morality, how can the national community be expected to fare?

Fortunately, we are not bound by formal legality, so that we need not legislate; we can however try to influence men's minds which is, as I see it, our main goal as educators. It is of prime importance that the members of Student Council recognize that they have been entrusted with certain responsibilities for the welfare of the student body, and that the activities of Student Council be directed to that end only. The making of personal phone calls thus violates the responsibility of the caller to the Student Council and hence to the student body. It is essential that all agree that this is unethical and immoral.

Student Council should decide how to deal with the immediate problem. For otherwise, the Council is relegated to the position of a headless body, and student freedom of action in its own behalf is violated.

More important for all is that Council be admonished and reprimanded for its behavior and that the issue of morality be emphasized, so that similar breaches of ethics do not occur in the future. Hopefully we may then reach common understandings on this and other issues, which is the ultimate expression of a moral community.

S. Feigenbaum
Assistant Professor
Mathematics

White-Collar Crime

TO THE EDITOR:

We would like to express our

disappointment in The Scribe for taking a condoning position on the recent "phone bill" controversy. If funds have been misappropriated for personal use, they should be replaced by those persons responsible -- not by student allocated funds.

The Scribe has used as an argument the possibility that if Broms is pushed far enough, "every organization and student leader, and a good share of administrators will be implicated and involved."

Is an expose of shady dealings in other organizations such a terrible idea, or should white-collar crime be overlooked?

Pamela Trieff
Carol Scileppi

Nationals Supported

TO THE EDITOR:

The Commuters' Senate serves as a major governing organization on the University of Bridgeport campus. It is our purpose to integrate the commuter into the University and provide a means by which the campus students may get to know the commuters. We feel that national fraternities and sororities would help further our purpose as well as rid the University of the apathy which is so often characteristic of its students.

In accordance with the best interests of the University of Bridgeport, therefore, we feel that nationals are necessary on the campus. Not only would nationals serve to involve fraternities and sororities in campus events, but they would also make them a more integral part of the University. Because financial support from the nationals is dependent on how much a chapter contributes to its school, sororities and fraternities are

given the incentive to provide more services for the school and take an active role in campus life as a whole, thereby enriching the University. National sororities and fraternities would provide new and needed campus spirit.

In light of these facts, the Commuters' Senate supports the establishment of national fraternities and sororities on the University of Bridgeport campus.

Peter Putrimas and
Kevin Shanley,
Co-chairmen

Apology to Convo Guests

TO THE EDITOR:

May I extend my personal apology to the guests who were invited to the Dana Convocation luncheon on March 5. We regret that they were unable to get a seat at the luncheon due to the fact that more Dana Scholars showed up for the luncheon than were expected.

According to the reservation list there were about ten Dana Scholars who did not call up for the reservation. We are very sorry that this happened and will see that this does not happen to our guests in the future.

We thank our guests for their understanding.

Anand Bhatia
Executive Secretary
Committee on Informal
Education

The baseball team wants a manager. It's a paying position. Contact Bruce MacPherson, sports information director after 1 p.m., ext. 305.

A & S Pass-Fail Under Study

A proposal for a pass-fail system has been made and is presently sitting in committee of the University Senate.

The proposal was first discussed at the meeting of the Chairman's Council of the College of Arts and Sciences and was approved by a vote of 10 to one.

The proposal states: "Undergraduate students in the College of Arts and Sciences who so desire may take one course per year outside required courses and courses in their major during each of their sophomore, junior and senior years on a pass-fail basis in departments of the Col-

lege that are willing to allow students to choose a pass-fail option."

The proposal further states that only the Records Department will have the knowledge of students being graded pass-fail. A teacher will not know which of his students is under the system.

The idea of "proficiencies" and "deficiencies" would not be part of the system. The credits given for a student passing the course would be added to the student's total number of credits. No credit would be given for failure.

A student would have to make his decision as to whether or not

he wants to take a pass-fail grade at registration. However, he would have a four week period in which to change his mind. This would not hold true for someone wishing to pick up the option. If he did not apply at registration he could not be graded pass-fail.

The usual prerequisites would have to be met in taking a course in the pass-fail system.

Vice President Harold See stated: "I think there are some advantages to a pass-fail system, especially in the areas where the students will experiment in specialized areas not in their major. In terms of a total program, I have not yet made up my mind."

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